

Package ‘iSEEfier’

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Description iSEEfier provides a set of functionality to quickly and intuitively create, inspect, and combine initial configuration objects.

These can be conveniently passed in a straightforward manner to the function call to launch iSEE() with the specified configuration.

This package currently works seamlessly with the sets of panels provided by the iSEE and iSEEu packages, but can be extended to accommodate the usage of any custom panel (e.g. from iSEEdede, iSEEpipelines, or any panel developed independently by the user).

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constants-iSEEfier	<i>Constant values used throughout iSEEfier</i>
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Description

Constant values used throughout iSEEfier

Usage

iSEE_panel_colors

Format

An object of class character of length 17.

Panel colors

- color values (as string character or hex value) for the panels included by default in iSEE and iSEEu

glue_initials	<i>Glue together initial objects into one</i>
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Description

Glue a set of initial configuration objects, combining them into a single valid initial set.

Usage

```
glue_initials(
  ...,
  remove_duplicate_panels = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  custom_panels_allowed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

...	A set of initial list objects (in the format that is required to be passed as a parameter in the call to <code>iSEE::iSEE()</code>) - just as in the behavior of the <code>c()/paste()</code> function
remove_duplicate_panels	Logical, defaults to TRUE. Defines the behavior to remove panels detected as duplicated. Can be relevant upon concatenating mid to large sets of panels.
verbose	Logical, defaults to TRUE. If on, prints out a series of informative messages to describe the actions undertaken upon running.
custom_panels_allowed	Character vector, defaults to NULL. Can be used to specify additional panels to be allowed in the concatenation.

Details

The usage of `custom_panels_allowed` can be especially relevant when one creates one or more custom panels, with a specific name that needs to be indicated in this parameter. For example, if using a panel of class `FancyPlotPanel` and one called `FancyTablePanel`, the value for `custom_panels_allowed` should be set to `c("FancyPlotPanel", "FancyTablePanel")`.

It is worth mentioning that `iSEE::iSEE()` is actually able to handle the automatic renaming of panels that could be detected as duplicated. This can basically relax the requirement on the "uniqueness" of the configured panels, with the only caveat of having to think of how the *transmissions* between panels will be handled; nevertheless, most users might not even need to face this situation.

Value

A single initial list object, in the format that is required to be passed as a parameter in the call to `iSEE::iSEE()`, concatenating the values provided as input.

Examples

```
## Load a dataset and preprocess this quickly
sce <- scRNAseq::RichardTCellData()
sce <- scuttle::logNormCounts(sce)
sce <- scater::runPCA(sce)
sce <- scater::runTSNE(sce)
## Select some features and aspects to focus on
gene_list_1 <- c("ENSMUSG00000026581")
gene_list_2 <- c("ENSMUSG00000005087", "ENSMUSG00000015437")
cluster <- "stimulus"
group <- "single cell quality"
initial1 <- iSEEinit(sce = sce,
                    features = gene_list_1,
                    clusters = cluster,
                    groups = group)
initial2 <- iSEEinit(sce = sce,
                    features = gene_list_2,
                    clusters = cluster,
                    groups = group)
initials_merged <- glue_initials(initial1,
                                initial2)

view_initial_tiles(initial1)
view_initial_tiles(initial2)
view_initial_tiles(initials_merged)

## Continue your exploration directly within iSEE!
if (interactive())
  iSEE(sce, initial = initials_merged)
```

iSEEfier-pkg

iSEEfier: a very convenient way to fire up your iSEE instance

Description

iSEEfier provides a set of functionality to quickly create, inspect, and combine initial configuration objects. These can be conveniently passed to the function call to launch `iSEE()` in this manner. This currently works with the sets of panels provided by the `iSEE` and `iSEEu` packages, but can be extended to accommodate the usage of any custom panel (e.g. from `iSEEd`, `iSEEpathways`, or any panel developed independently by the user).

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/NajlaAbassi/iSEEfier>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/NajlaAbassi/iSEEfier/issues>

iSEEinit	<i>iSEEinit: Create an initial state of an iSEE instance for gene expression visualization</i>
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Description

iSEEinit() defines the initial setup of an iSEE instance, recommending tailored visual elements to effortlessly illustrate the expression of a gene list in a single view.

Usage

```
iSEEinit(
  sce,
  features,
  reddim_type = "TSNE",
  clusters = colnames(colData(sce))[1],
  groups = colnames(colData(sce))[1],
  gene_id = "id",
  add_markdown_panel = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

sce	SingleCellExperiment object
features	A character vector or a data.frame containing a list of genes. If features is a data.frame, the column containing the gene names must be named "id"
reddim_type	A string vector containing the dimensionality reduction type
clusters	A character string containing the name of the clusters/cell-type/state...(as listed in the colData of the sce)
groups	A character string of the groups/conditions...(as it appears in the colData of the sce)
gene_id	A character string containing the name of the column name containing gene names/ids, when 'features' is a data.frame
add_markdown_panel	A logical indicating whether or not to include the MarkdownBoard panel in the initial configuration

Value

A list of "Panel" objects specifying the initial state of iSEE instance

Examples

```
sce <- scRNAseq::RichardTCellData()
sce <- scuttle::logNormCounts(sce)
sce <- scater::runPCA(sce)
sce <- scater::runTSNE(sce)
gene_list <- c("ENSMUSG00000026581",
               "ENSMUSG0000005087",
               "ENSMUSG00000015437")
cluster <- "stimulus"
group <- "single cell quality"
initial <- iSEEinit(sce = sce, features = gene_list, clusters = cluster, groups = group)
```

iSEEmarker

iSEEmarker

Description

`iSEEmarker()` creates an initial state of an iSEE instance for interactive exploration of marker genes through the `DynamicMarkerTable` panel, synchronizing selections with a `ReducedDimensionPlot` and a `FeatureAssayPlot` to visualize the expression of selected marker genes

Usage

```
iSEEmarker(
  sce,
  reddim_type = "TSNE",
  clusters = colnames(colData(sce))[1],
  groups = colnames(colData(sce))[1],
  selection_plot_format = c("ColumnDataPlot", "ReducedDimensionPlot")
)
```

Arguments

<code>sce</code>	SingleCellExperiment object
<code>reddim_type</code>	A string vector containing the dimensionality reduction
<code>clusters</code>	A character string containing the name of the clusters/cell-type/state...(as listed in the <code>colData</code> of the <code>sce</code>)
<code>groups</code>	A character string of the groups/conditions...(as it appears in the <code>colData</code> of the <code>sce</code>)
<code>selection_plot_format</code>	A string character containing the class of the panel. It can be either <code>ColumnDataPlot</code> or <code>ReducedDimensionPlot</code>

Value

A list of "Panel" objects specifying the initial state of iSEE instance

Examples

```
sce <- scRNAseq::RichardTCellData()
sce <- scuttle::logNormCounts(sce)
sce <- scater::runPCA(sce)
sce <- scater::runTSNE(sce)
cluster <- "stimulus"
group <- "single cell quality"
initial <- iSEEmarker(sce = sce, clusters = cluster, groups = group,
selection_plot_format = "ColumnDataPlot")
```

iSEEnrich

iSEEnrich

Description

iSEEnrich() creates an initial state of an iSEE instance for interactive exploration of feature sets extracted from GO and KEGG database, displaying all associated genes in a RowDataTable panel.

Usage

```
iSEEnrich(
  sce,
  collection = c("GO", "KEGG"),
  organism = "org.Hs.eg.db",
  gene_identifier = "ENTREZID",
  clusters = colnames(colData(sce))[1],
  groups = colnames(colData(sce))[1],
  reddim_type = "PCA"
)
```

Arguments

sce	SingleCellExperiment object
collection	A character vector specifying the gene set collections of interest (GO,KEGG)
organism	A character string of the org.*.eg.db package to use to extract mappings of gene sets to gene IDs.
gene_identifier	A character string specifying the identifier to use to extract gene IDs for the organism package
clusters	A character string containing the name of the clusters/cell-type/state...(as listed in the colData of the sce)
groups	A character string of the groups/conditions...(as it appears in the colData of the sce)
reddim_type	A string vector containing the dimensionality reduction type

Value

A list of "Panel" objects specifying the initial state of iSEE instance

Examples

```
sce <- scRNAseq::RichardTCellData()
sce <- scuttle::logNormCounts(sce)
sce <- scater::runPCA(sce)
GO_collection <- "GO"
Mm_organism <- "org.Mm.eg.db"
gene_id <- "SYMBOL"
clusters <- "stimulus"
groups <- "single cell quality"
reddim_type <- "PCA"
results <- iSEEnrich(sce = sce,
                     collection = GO_collection,
                     organism = Mm_organism,
                     gene_identifier = gene_id,
                     clusters = clusters,
                     groups = groups,
                     reddim_type = reddim_type)
```

view_initial_network	<i>View an initial object as a network</i>
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Description

Translates the layout of the initial configuration object as a networks, representing panels as nodes and links between them as edges.

Usage

```
view_initial_network(initial, plot_format = c("igraph", "visNetwork", "none"))
```

Arguments

initial	An initial list object, in the format that is required to be passed as a parameter in the call to <code>iSEE::iSEE()</code> .
plot_format	Character string, one of <code>igraph</code> , <code>visNetwork</code> , or <code>none</code> . Defaults to <code>igraph</code> . Determines the format of the visual representation generated as a side effect of this function - it can be the output of the <code>plot()</code> function for <code>igraph</code> objects, or an interactive widget created via <code>visNetwork::visNetwork()</code> .

Details

Panels are the nodes, with color and names to identify them easily. The connections among panels are represented through directed edges. This can be a compact visualization to obtain an overview for the configuration, without the need of fully launching the app and loading the content of all panels

This function is particularly useful with mid-to-large initial objects, as they can be quickly generated in a programmatic manner via the `iSEEinit()` provided in this package.

Value

An igraph object, underlying the visual representation provided.

See Also

`view_initial_tiles()`

Examples

```
## Load a dataset and preprocess this quickly
sce <- scRNAseq::RichardTCellData()
sce <- scuttle::logNormCounts(sce)
sce <- scater::runPCA(sce)
sce <- scater::runTSNE(sce)
## Select some features and aspects to focus on
gene_list <- c("ENSMUSG00000026581", "ENSMUSG00000005087", "ENSMUSG00000015437")
cluster <- "stimulus"
group <- "single cell quality"
initial <- iSEEinit(sce = sce,
                   features = gene_list,
                   clusters = cluster,
                   groups = group)

g_init <- view_initial_network(initial)
g_init

view_initial_network(initial, plot_format = "visNetwork")

## Continue your exploration directly within iSEE!
if (interactive())
  iSEE(sce, initial = initial)
```

view_initial_tiles	<i>View an initial object as a set of tiles</i>
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Description

Previews the layout of the initial configuration object in a graphical form.

Usage

```
view_initial_tiles(initial)
```

Arguments

initial An initial list object, in the format that is required to be passed as a parameter in the call to `iSEE::iSEE()`.

Details

Tiles are used to represent the panel types, and reflect the values of their width. This can be a compact visualization to obtain an overview for the configuration, without the need of fully launching the app and loading the content of all panels

This function is particularly useful with mid-to-large initial objects, as they can be quickly generated in a programmatic manner via the `iSEEinit()` provided in this package.

Value

A ggplot object, representing a schematic view for the initial object.

See Also

`view_initial_network()`

Examples

```
## Load a dataset and preprocess this quickly
sce <- scRNAseq::RichardTCellData()
sce <- scuttle::logNormCounts(sce)
sce <- scater::runPCA(sce)
sce <- scater::runTSNE(sce)
## Select some features and aspects to focus on
gene_list <- c("ENSMUSG00000026581",
               "ENSMUSG00000005087",
               "ENSMUSG00000015437")
cluster <- "stimulus"
group <- "single cell quality"
initial <- iSEEinit(sce = sce,
                   features = gene_list,
                   clusters = cluster,
                   groups = group)

view_initial_tiles (initial)

## Continue your exploration directly within iSEE!
if (interactive())
  iSEE(sce, initial = initial)
```

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